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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ADAM SHAFI,

Defendant

NO. 15 Cr. 582 WHO

MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS
COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT
ADAM SHAFI

This motion respectfully seeks an Order relieving Joshua L. Dratel, Esq., and Erik B. Levin, Esq., current counsel for the defendant Adam Shafi, because of a complete breakdown in the attorney-client relationship, and an actual conflict of interest that has arisen. It is respectfully requested that because Adam Shafi does not himself possess assets, the Federal Defender be assigned to represent him.

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1 This motion does not discuss the reason underlying the request for relief of counsel
2 because it would violate the duty to maintain client confidentiality as well as the duty of loyalty.
3 In the event the Court orders a more thorough description of the conflict, counsel would submit
4 one under seal.
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6 **Conclusion**

7 Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Court grant the motion to relieve Mr.
8 Levin and me as counsel for Adam Shafi in this case.
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10 DATED: May 16, 2016

11 /s/ Joshua L. Dratel
12 JOSHUA L. DRATEL
13 Admitted *pro hac vice*

14 ERIK B. LEVIN

15 *Attorneys for Defendant Adam Shafi*
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on May 16, 2016, I filed the foregoing **Motion to be Relieved as Counsel for the Defendant Adam Shafi** with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California by using the CM/ECF system.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 16, 2016.

/s/ Joshua L. Dratel
JOSHUA L. DRATEL